

Disasters can happen *anytime....anywhere....to anyone* - **“Be Prepared”**

In a major disaster, it might be several days before vital services are restored or local agencies and relief workers are able to reach everyone.

Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own **for at least three days**, maybe longer. Think first about fresh water, food and clean air.

Plan to store items in an easy-to-carry bag, such as a backpack or duffle bag. **Consider two kits.** In one, put everything you will need to stay where you are and make it on your own. The other should be a lightweight, smaller version you can take with you if you have to evacuate.

You should **plan in advance** what you will do in an emergency. Be prepared to assess the situation, use common sense and whatever you have on hand to take care of yourself and your loved ones. When preparing, think about the places where your family spends time: school, work and other places you frequent. Get ready now.

The attached booklet, by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, is a guide with good information on how to become personally prepared during an emergency. It can be found at www.ready.gov.